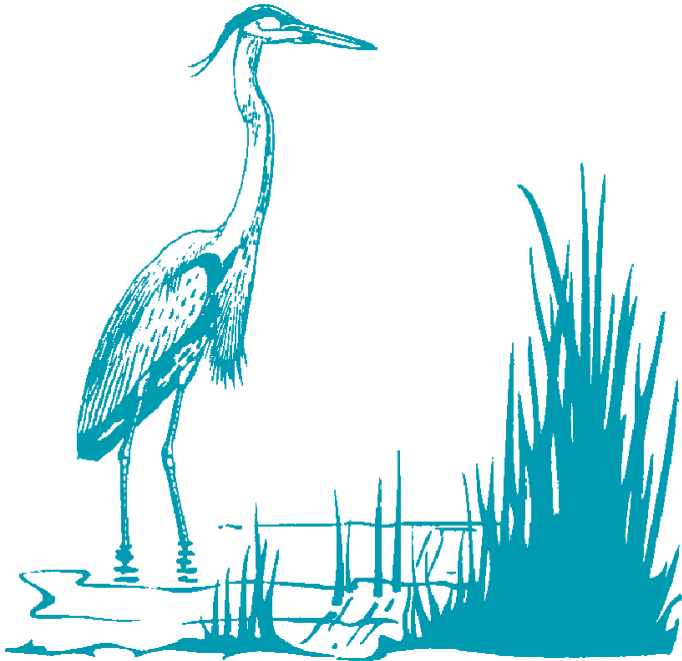


Soil Conservation

Soil that erodes annually from Indiana's landscape would fill enough full size pickups to reach the moon—and return!

The Division of Soil Conservation helps landowners keep soil and nutrients in place and productive.

Control of soil and water runoff can increase profits for farms and developments, decrease food costs, reduce flood damage, and improve water quality for humans and wildlife.



A Lake is a Reflection of its Watershed

A watershed is the land area that drains into a particular body of water - such as a wetland, stream or lake.

Soil erosion, excess fertilizer, and uncontrolled runoff from watersheds around lakes and rivers impairs recreational use, destroys fish and wildlife habitat, reduces flood control capacity, and pollutes drinking water supplies.

The LARE Program enhances and protects water quality in Indiana's lakes and rivers!

Lake and River Enhancement

The Lake and River Enhancement Program (LARE) provides technical support and funding for lake and watershed studies, agricultural practices to improve water quality, constructed wetlands to reduce soil erosion and nutrient runoff, and related watershed projects.

Since 1987, over 140 lakes and 45 watersheds in 42 counties have benefited from the \$830,000 a year in grant and cost-share assistance that is generated by a state-collected \$5 annual boat fee.

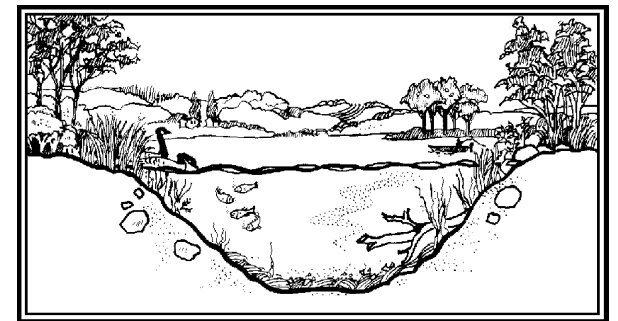
Restoration and Protection of Cedar Lake

From the 1870s, the “Lake of the Red Cedars” was an extremely popular resort area in Lake County often drawing as many as 25,000 vacationers on a typical summer day.

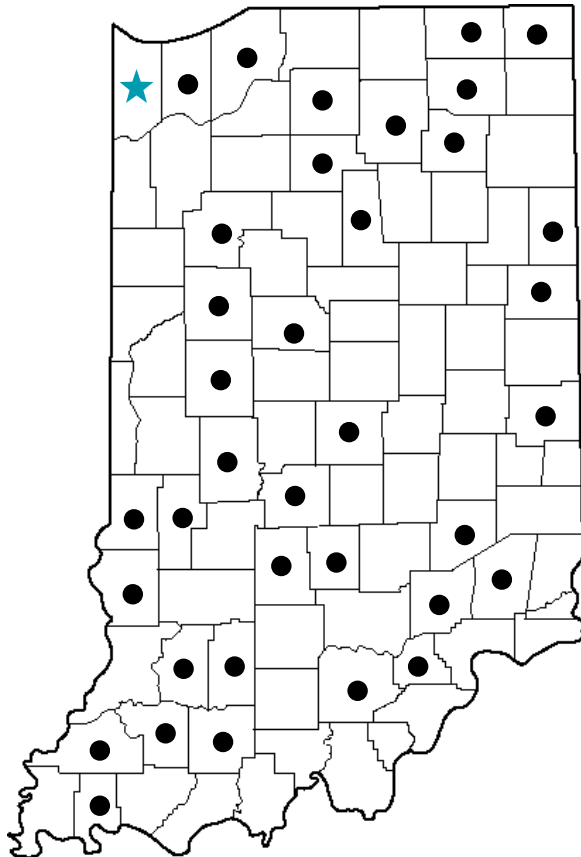
However, by the 1950's the lake was rapidly deteriorating due to inadequate sewage treatment, increasing algae, loss of beneficial aquatic plants, muddy water, and periodic fish kills.

Since 1984, efforts have been underway to restore Cedar Lake with funding and technical support from the US EPA, the LARE program, and other state and local sources.

Today, the Cedar Lake Association is carrying out a restoration plan that includes removing old pilings, installing new outlet structures, improving the fishery, and constructing wetlands to treat problems caused by soil erosion and excess nutrients.



Lake And River Enhancement Project Sites



- Each dot represents a county containing one or more LARE Projects.
- ★ Cedar Lake is located in Lake County – represented by a star.

You Can Get Involved!

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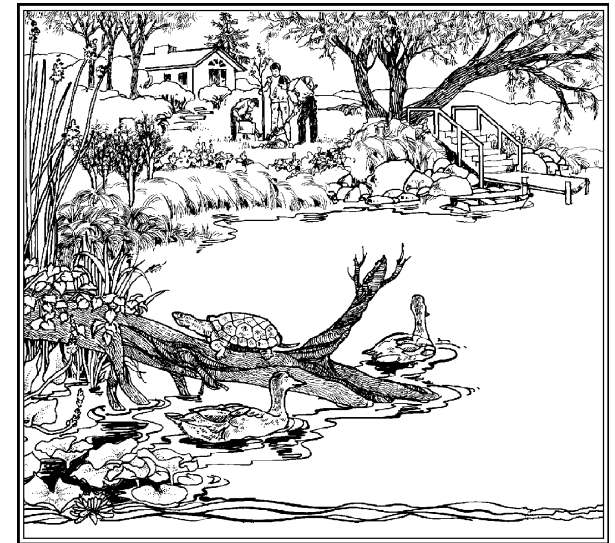


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